reported that it is not a fact that the State Bank of India is not adhering to RBI guidelines in the matter of assisting sick industries in the priority sector.

(b) Nationalised banks are required to adhere to the guidelines issued by RBI, from time to time, in respect of advances to priority sector which includes small scale industries. Under these guidelines at least 40 per cent of net bank credit should go to priority sector.

(c) and (d) State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) as also District Consultative Committees (DCCs) review the performance of banks with regard to priority sector advances. At the ground level, Lead Bank for each District is required to prepare annual action plan which includes targets for priority sector. RBI also constantly reviews the performance of banks with regard to priority sector advances. Whenever any specific complaints regarding non-compliance or deviations from the guidelines are received in RBI, the matter is taken up immediately with the controlling officers of banks for immediate remedial/corrective action.

Financing of fishing trawlers

581. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Ministry is presently in charge of financing fishing trawlers through the SCICI;

(b) whether any study has been conducted of the actual position in the fishing industry and its ability to sustain more trawlers;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to estimate the need of financing more fishing trawlers;

(d) whether the SCICI will also bail out the fishing industry in case of over capacity; and

(e) the present status of trawler financing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (e) New cases of financing of fishing trawlers are being taken up by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India which is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance. Commitments entered into by the erstwhile SDFC (which has been abolished from 3rd April, 1987) would be met by the Central Government in terms of the provisions of the SDFC (Abolition) Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. On the basis of an appraisal conducted by Department of Agriculture and Co-operation it is envisaged to augment the deep sea fishing fleet of the country to 500 by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) There are no indications at present that the fishing industry needs bailing out because of over capacity.

Promotion to women officers of All India Services

582. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not giving sufficient promotions to deserving women officers in All India Services;

(b) whether Government have prepared a short-list of women who have served successfully as district magistrates and thereafter given promotion; and

(c) the number of such women who have been denied promotion despite their excellent field service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Pro-